THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It has come to the notice of the Government that some short distance travelling passengers travel in sleeper coaches attached to long distance trains and cause inconvenience to long distance passengers.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Lack of short distance train facilities in Kerala

Yes, Sir. As per rules Season Ticket holders are not permitted to travel in reserved compartments. Entry of short distance travelling public in the Sleeper coaches of long distance trains, does cause inconvenience to the long distance passengers in Sleeper class coaches. Keeping this in view and to ensure greater comfort to the long distance passengers in Sleeper class, only sleeper class passengers are being permitted inside the Sleeper coaches. To cater to the needs of the short distanc passengers, the existing unreserved accommodation is being increased on trains wherever possible, and short distance service will be introduced where required.

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Sir, my first supplementary is this. It is rather strange that the Minister has not come to know of the agitation going on in Kerala in which members of all political parties are taking part. And, there is also a threat against all the elected Members from Kerala that unless they do something to get this grievance rectified, it will be a big problem for them to go back to Kerala. Though I have mentioned only about Kerala, this problem is felt by other States also. For example, this problem is there between Bhopal and Vidisha. Here is a case where about 6000 people are travelling per day. There is no facility. There is no additional coach available. No additional railway engine is available. In this situation, I would like to know whether the Government has considered comprehensively the problems of commuters and whether it will at least introduce the scheme of diesel multiple units for short distances to help short-distance commuters.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Unfortunately the Question Hour is over.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, since you belong to Kerala, You must exempt it ... (*Interruptions*) ....

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

India's Relations with China

*225. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what steps have been taken by Government to improve India's relation with China and to settle the outstanding disputes with that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): The momentum of the high-level political dialogue with China on matters of mutual concern has continued as witnessed by the recent exchange of visits between the two countries. Chinese National People's Congress Vice Chairman Mr. Liao Hansheng visited India in December, 1992, while Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha, Shri Shivraj Patil lead a delegation of Indian Parliamentarians to China in January, 1993. Chinese Minister for Radio, Film and TV, Mr. Ai Zhisheng and State Councillor and Chairman of the State Science & Technology Commission Dr. Song Jian visited India in February and April respectively. This dialogue will be further strengthened wth the visit of Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao to China later this year.

The Chinese Foreign Minister and a senior Chinese leader are also expected to visit India.

Meanwhile, India-China relations in various fields such as trade and economic cooperation, cultural exchanges, science and technology, agricultural cooperation and party to party relations, continue to be consolidated and strengthened.

While overall exchanges with Chint show a steady improvement, Government have continued to address outstanding issues with China, including the complicated boundary question. The Joint Working Group on the boundary question has held five meetings so far and has made steady progress in its discussions aimed at reducing our differences on the boundary question in order to arrive at a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement. The Joint Working Group is also seeking ways to establish measures to ensure maintenance of peace and tranquility all along the Line of Actual Control. The next meeting of the Joint Working Group will be held in New Delhi towards the end of June, 1993.

Government in sincerely committed to further developing friendly, mutually benefical and good neighbourly relations with China.

इस्लामी देशों के संगठन के सम्मेलन में भारत के विरूद्ध किये गये उल्लेख

*226. **श्री नौनिहाल सिंह :**
श्री शांति त्यागी :

क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने हाल ही में पाकिस्तान में हुये इस्लामी देशों के संगठन के सम्मेलन में भारत के विरूद्ध प्रस्तावित प्रतिबंधों और निन्दात्मक कार्यवाही का अध्ययन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और सरकार अन्तराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर इस्लामी देशों के भारत-विरोधी रवैये से निपटने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) सरकारी प्रवक्ता के वक्तव्य का पाठ विवरण के रूप में संलग्न है **(नीचे देखिये)** जिसमें भारत सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया बताई गई है। सरकार पाकिस्तान की ओर से किये जाने वाले भारत विरोधी प्रचार का प्रतिकार किये जाने की आवश्यकता के प्रति सचेत है। हमने सभी मित्र देशों के समक्ष मसलों को सही परिप्रेक्ष्य में प्रस्तुत करने के लिये कदम उठाये हैं जिनमें इस्लामी देशों के संगठन के सदस्य भी शामिल है।

विवरण

इस्लामी देशों के संगठन के विदेश मंत्रियों की कराची में आयोजित 21वीं बैठक समाप्ति पर कश्मीर तथा भारतीय मुसलमानों के हितों के संबंध में इस्लामी देशों संगठन के संकल्पों पर सरकारी प्रवक्ता का वक्तव्य

इस्लामी देशों के संगठन के विदेश मंत्रियों की कराची में 29 अप्रैल, 1993 को आयोजित 21वीं बठक में पारित विज्ञप्ति एवं संकल्पों से संबंधित खबरें सरकार ने अखबारों में देखी हैं।

कराची में पारित विज्ञप्ति एवं संकल्पों से यह स्पष्ट हो जाता है कि ओआईसी विदेश मंत्रियों की बैठक को ओआईसी सचिवालय तथा मेजबान देश के कुछ तत्वों ने गलत ढंग से समझाया है। ऐसी परिस्थितियों में विज्ञप्ति तथा